

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Decatur.

Everybody and his sister went to the Dowagiac fair.

Much needed repairs are being made on our side walks.

Mrs. West of Lawrence, was visiting at M. Ryan's last week.

Mr. Bateman and wife of Coldwater, have been visiting Mrs. B's uncle, John Shaud.

Frank Costello, formerly telegraph operator here, has been spending a few days in town.

J. H. Tuttle and wife returned home on Saturday, from a visit to their daughter in Wisconsin.

Nathan Clark and wife have gone to New York State to spend the winter with their daughter, who has recently lost her husband.

Albert Christie, wife and daughter of Richard, and Will Christie and wife of Dowagiac, are in town, called here by the illness of their father.

Mrs. Annie Southwick from the Sandwich Islands, a former teacher in our union school, lectured at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening, on the Islands and their inhabitants.

J. H. Haynes and T. Maxham carried off a large number of first and second premiums on their fine blooded poultry, at the Dowagiac fair. B. O'Dell's Langshan fowls took first premium.

The state conference of the Free Methodist church was held in this place the past week. A large number of ministers have been in attendance, with their wives, and created quite an excitement by their meetings on the street and also at the church.

### Lawrence.

Will Bass has moved his stock of hardware into the grange store.

Mr. Hunter and wife go to Marshall soon. He expects to engage in teaching during the coming winter.

Visitors, former residents who return to spend a few days in our pleasant little town, are quite too numerous to mention.

Mr. Henry Kelly, who has, for a long time, been in failing health, died last Saturday night at midnight. Funeral exercises were held at the Baptist Church, on Monday last, at ten o'clock a. m., Rev. Chas. Bailey officiating. Mr. Kelly was born in Hopkins Co., N. Y., in 1808. He came to Michigan in 1848, and has been a resident of Lawrence for the past twenty-eight years. He leaves a widow and three sons, George, J. H. and Frank, all residents of this village. The deceased was one of our most highly respected citizens.

Monday was a lovely day for the republican mass-meeting, and a large concourse of people—estimated at 4,000—attended. A good deal of disappointment was felt because Mr. Burrows was not present. Our people are warm friends of Mr. B., and are always ready and eager to hear him discuss political issues. He was on the train, but, owing to the fact that Senator Blair had been called to his home in New Hampshire by the death of his colleague, Mr. Burrows had to go to Buchanan to fill Mr. Blair's appointment at that place on Monday evening. The audience were also disappointed at not hearing Senator Palmer, who was ill and unable to be present. The meeting was opened by short addresses from Hon. C. J. Monroe, Hon. G. W. Lawton, Hon. E. H. Simpson and Hon. J. J. Woodman, the latter speaking a little more at length than the other gentlemen and making an excellent address. But the main feature was a splendid speech delivered by the next governor of Michigan, Hon. C. G. Luce. Everybody was pleased with it and with the speaker, who added many to the host of friends he already possessed in this county. In private conversation, Mr. Luce said he should draw on Van Buren County for a plurality of 1,000 votes in his favor. Your correspondent has no hesitation in predicting that such draft will be duly and cheerfully honored.

### BARNES DISTRICT.

Barnes & Drake are packing and shipping four car-loads of apples per week.

Mr. Woodard's child has recovered from its attack of scarlet fever. No new cases.

Thos. Jones has purchased Wm. Pitcher's ten acre farm and Mr. P. has bought twenty acres in the Miles district.

Bert Barnes has purchased the west twenty acres of R. M. Rowe's farm. Consideration, \$3000. Things look a little suspicious, Bert.

Poultry was the subject of discussion at the last meeting of the Farmers' Club. At the next meeting it will be decided whether there is any other profession in life that will educate and elevate equal to the farm.

Apple harvest is the order of the day. The crop only brings from seventy-five to eighty cents a barrel, but fifty to seventy-five barrels per acre, even at this low price, pays better than wheat at sixty-eight cents per bushel or hogs at \$2.75 per hundred.

Frank Huydenberk closed his season's work with J. M. Fisk and had difficulty in settling with his employer. They closed up the matter last Saturday at Hartford, before Esq. Horton, Fisk paying the claim and half the costs. Such affairs are very unpleasant.

There was a full attendance at the grange meeting last Saturday evening, at Lawrence. The open meeting was postponed until November. The subject of packing apples for winter was discussed. Mr. Blowers' plan was to pack them in tight barrels, leave them in the orchard until freezing weather and then place in a cool cellar, in this way he had kept them fresh and perfect until July. Mr. Bass had accomplished a like result by burying the fruit in boxes. The sisters told how to make butter and can fruit.

### PROSPECT LAKE.

Prof. Jacobs and family have returned to Paw Paw to winter.

The chicken buyer is abroad in the land, paying good prices for poultry.

Elvin Rowland of Lawrence, is canvassing our part of the country for eye glasses.

Mrs. H. Christie writes home that Mrs. John Stoddard, formerly of this place, now of Lamoni, Iowa, is dangerously ill.

Several of our citizens took in the fair at Dowagiac last week. They report a large crowd and a fine display of stock, etc. Dowagiac is building up a fair that is bound to lead them all.

Miss Eva Bacon and class gave a concert on the evening of the second inst., that was a decided success. We can boast of some of the finest voices in the county. Miss B. has begun upon a second term and will give another concert at the close of the same.

Wallace Allen has been appointed steward here, and will soon be around asking for salary for the preacher. Now do not palm off old clothing or something that is of no value, as preachers are but human and like good things as well as anybody. We should pay the preacher just the same as we would the man who hoes our corn.

### Gobleville.

Uncle Billy Markille has sown 130 acres of wheat this fall.

Jones and Maloney are a new firm of blacksmiths in town.

Miss Rose Palmer is home from her summer trip in the Canadas.

Jud Holmes aspires to be a merchant and is clerking for Kahn & Hecht.

The new dry goods store is in full blast and is thronged with customers.

We are glad our finances will not permit us to read Miss Cleveland's book.

Frank Austin has moved into the square house adjoining the one he vacated.

Fire consumed the dryer at Bloomingdale last week. That city seems to have more than its share of fires.

We counted thirty-eight teams in view on State street last Saturday, besides four teams hitched to a stump puller.

The editor of the *Light* has bought a horse and now those in arrears on his subscription list had better look out.

Clifford Blakeman of Waverly, attends school here. He has a good horse and road cart and four and a half miles is but a few minutes drive.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Myers, on Friday, October 1st, a girl, weight nine and one half pounds. She is a fine child and does her parents credit.

Mrs. Westcott reports a fine time at the Adventist camp-meeting at Grand Rapids. 300 people went forward as converts, and on Sunday, the 26th ult., seventy-five were baptized.

Those Fergusons who are building the Glendale church, left their job and came up here and put up the new livery barn. They were only five days doing it, but then, there are five of them.

The most exciting game of ball of the season came off here last Saturday, between the Cascos and Goblevilles, resulting in a score of fourteen to twelve in favor of the Gobleites. Money freely changed hands on the result. Kendall and Gobleville shut down to view the play.

Miss Alma Parsons, our beautiful post mistress that was, no sooner got the trade learned than she up and got married to Joe Bishop. Now Arvin has another, more beautiful than the other, Miss Lois Daratt, and we hope the boys will keep away and let her stay, as we do not like a change of post mistresses.

### Lawton.

Bad Mahoney is now operator in Dowagiac.

A. L. McElheney is erecting an addition in the rear of the post office.

Quite a number from this village attended the Dowagiac fair last week.

Carey Dunham left for New York Monday, with a car load of live poultry.

Juan McKeyes, J. S. Cowgill and T. R. Smith were in Chicago on business last week.

Mrs. Chas. Carmichael and daughter of Petoskey, are visiting at the residence of H. S. Jones.

Main street or, more properly speaking, the race course is being fixed up for the fleet footed flyers.

Fred Prindle has opened a grocery and meat market in Morrill's corner store. Geo. Beldin is overseer in the meat department.

Died, on Sunday last, at Dyer, Indiana, Grace, youngest daughter of Luke Dustin, formerly of Lawton, aged four years, seven months and twenty-three days.

The old building formerly occupied by the post office and owned by M. H. Smith, is being pretty well torn to pieces, and it will be repaired to look as good as new. If Myron will only keep right on buying old buildings, this town will look like something after a while.

A card sent to police headquarters at South Bend, Indiana, by the hardware firm of Adams & Lich, in regard to their stolen goods, brought forth a telegram on Monday afternoon of last week, saying that two men had been captured with the goods as described. The goods were identified and sheriff Todd brought the prisoners to Paw Paw, where they waived their examination and are now languishing in jail.

### Hartford.

Sheriff Todd was in town Saturday evening.

Hals Wilson is improving from his sickness and Dr. Palmer thinks him out of danger.

The Congregational Church was filled last Sunday evening, to listen to a fine address by Rev. S. Taylor.

The Sabbath school exercises at the Congregational Church, consisting of songs, essays, recitations, etc., were very fine.

The increase of railroad business at this place for the past two years, has caused a demand for more side track, 1,500 feet of which will be laid next week.

The married men of this village, twenty-two on a side—have arranged for a hunt next Thursday, the losing party to pay for the supper. S. Cook and D. B. Moore, captains.

The sheriff of Berrien County was here Saturday night and had his men stationed at every bridge and highway, looking for the man who committed the murder at Eau Claire on the 6th inst.

During the past few years, Mr. Cook, our market vendor, by hard work and economy, has built up a good business. When the knights of labor were organized here, they tried to induce him to join the order, but, being a Free Methodist, he declined. They started an opposition shop, by means of which and by boycotting, they tried to force him out of business. His friends stood by him and he had all the work he could do, while the opposition man has left town, leaving behind him sundry unpaid bills including a board bill.

Another burglary occurred in this village last Saturday night. The residence of L. P. Husen was broken into. The thieves secured about \$100 worth of plunder, consisting of a gold watch, a silver watch and a diamond ring. They tried to effect an entrance into the residence of Ralph Richmond, but were frightened away. An attempt was also made to break into the residence of A. J. Dyer, but the villains were alarmed and left without accomplishing their purpose. [Should our correspondent observe any errors or important omissions in the above items, it should be charged to the extreme difficulty of deciphering his chirography. Please write a little plainer. We can read almost anything but—Ed.]

### Keeler.

James Dnrden is home from Nebraska.

Mrs. Amos Irish has gone to Iowa to visit a brother.

Dr. Farholomew is so much improved that he was out riding last Sabbath morning.

Minnie Irish is visiting friends for a few weeks, after which she will return to Kalamazoo.

Charles Thomson and wife of Lansing, are spending a short time here with his mother and brother.

J. D. Cox is suffering from a fall from a ladder. Boys sixty-nine years old should pick apples from the ground; it's safer.

Farmers had to lug their products up two flights of stairs to place them on exhibition at the Dowagiac fair.

Mrs. Albert Brown and daughter of Kansas, are visiting at her father's. Mrs. B. has been a resident of Kansas for several years. Her avocation would indicate a land flowing with milk and honey.

### Waverly.

Robert Bruce Taylor attends school at Paw Paw.

Some of our prominent citizens have been visiting in Antrim county.

Frank Gorton recently fell from an apple tree. His thought in going down was, what will my wife say when she finds me here with a broken neck.

We would caution that cider maker west of Armstrong's corners against selling cider to drunken men, or those in the habit of getting intoxicated. He will be prosecuted if it is continued.

### County Treasurer's Annual Report.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1888	\$ 1,789 55
Rec'd from twp. treasurers	52,015 00
" " teachers' institutes	236 50
" fines (lib. fund)	2,259 00
" delinquent taxes, int. & chgs	1,253 13
" " poor farm	1,139 81
" county clerk, entry fees	45 50
" " jury	50 10
" " reporter's fees	15 00
" liquor tax, less fees	5,940 00
" primary school fund	12,610 72
" loans	12,000 00
" state treasurer	223 81
" delinquent drain tax	54 44
" rent	126 00
" sheriff	909 00
" redemptions	232 92
" tax sales of 1888	2,902 37
" miscellaneous sources	152 27
Total receipts	\$94,757 27

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid county orders	\$10,635 64
" " poor orders	11,287 26
" " jury	2,916 89
" " wife's	315 21
" " s'ries	3,951 50
" " school examiners	578 75
" " insane asylum	1,491 65
" " sheriff	1,949 98
" refunded town treasurers	527 47
" delinquent tax and int.	2,578 60
" " drain tax	72 96
" state treasurer	29,021 45
" liquor tax	5,940 00
" primary school money	12,610 72
" library money	228 55
" teachers' institute	236 50
" agricultural societies	500 00
" insurance	53 00
" attorneys' fees	29 00
" loans and interest	8,789 50
" refunded ditch tax	1 47
Total disbursements	\$92,231 83

Amount on hand Oct. 1st, 1889

ESTIMATED LIABILITIES.	
For poor fund	\$10,000 00
" salaries	4,500 00
" jurors and witnesses	2,000 00
" loans and interest	10,540 00
" school examiners	750 00
" other county expenses	7,000 00
" charged back taxes	35 23
" amt't due institute fund	147 12
" amt't due township	440 00
" amt't due library fund	2,086 00
Total liabilities	\$38,388 32

### ESTIMATED RESOURCES.

Am't on hand Oct. 1st	\$ 2,725 94
" from poor farm	1,000 00
" " jury, ent. and rep. fees	100 00
" " township, ch. back taxes	61 62
" " due on acct.	145 86
" " tax sales, 1884	200 00
" " rent	65 00
Total resources	\$ 4,098 42

### W. J. SELICK--DRY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.

## W. J. SELICK

Has been so Busy for the last two weeks receiving and placing in stock

OVER 100 CASES OF

## DRY GOODS!

That he has been unable to inform his friends of the elegant lines of Plush, Astrachan, Matelasse & Beaver Cloaks,

In Ladies', Misses' and Children's, at prices never so low in the annals of the trade.

We can now show you 30 to 40 pieces of

## LOWELL AND HARTFORD INGRAINS,

at our usual popular price, 60 cents per yard, they are sold for 75 cents everywhere. A fine line of BRUSSELS and lower grades of Ingrain Carpets from 25 to 50 cents per yard. HEMP CARPETS, NAPIER MATTING and STAIR CARPET in great variety. We think we have the cheapest Pole in the market.

For a Ladies' Shoe at \$2 and \$2.50, popular prices, we claim to have those that have stood the test of years for good fitting and long wear. You will find them here in every width and size. A Line of ATWILL'S SHOES to close at \$2.00, former price \$2.50.

## 300 OVERCOATS

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

We have some \$6,000 worth of Men's and Boys' Clothing that are going fast at New York cost to close.

Rhadame, Surah and Gros Grain Silk in black and colors. Novelties in black and colored Dress Goods and Flannels. 100 doz. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hose.

## Men's Leather, Rubber & Wool Boots & Shoes. Prices Correct!

Mens' Hats and Caps. Wool and Fur. Great variety. The celebrated Youman Hat, the best Stiff Hat in the market for \$2.00.

Miss Corey has just returned from market with a superb line of high novelties, all of which will be sold cheap.

## ROBES, HORSE BLANKETS & BED BLANKETS, AT THE CLOSE PRICED HOUSE OF

W. J. SELICK.

# BROUGHTON'S SHOE STORE!

Boy's and Girl's Sole-leather Tip School Shoes, any size from Child's 5 to Youth's 2, \$1.00, at

# BROUGHTON'S SHOE STORE.

### S. T. BOWEN--CLOTHING.

IMMENSE

STOCK

ON

THE ROAD!

BOWEN

Still in Chicago Buying

MORE GOODS.